

679.5 Referrals to dispute resolution centers.

1. The following types of cases may be accepted for dispute resolution at an approved dispute resolution center, subject to such limitations as the council prescribes by rule:

a. Civil claims and disputes, including but not limited to neighborhood disputes, landlord-tenant disputes, debtor-creditor disputes and consumer complaints.

b. Disputes concerning child custody and visitation rights.

c. Juvenile offenses.

d. Criminal complaints.

2. A center may accept cases referred by a court, prosecuting attorney, law enforcement officer, social service agency or any other interested person or agency, or at the request of the parties involved in the dispute. A case may be referred prior to the commencement of formal judicial proceedings or at any stage of such proceedings. The center shall provide follow-up information on the disposition of a case if the case was referred by a court and the court requests the information.

85 Acts, ch 134, §6